



Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

New Information in Blue Text

Event Name	22-0009 Wildfire Outbreak 17MAR
Date	April 21, 2022
Time	9:00 AM
Operational Period	8:00 AM April 20 to 8:00 AM April 21, 2022
Report Number	35

Regions Affected	
TDEM Regions Affected	5
DDCs Active	

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) received two new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Wednesday, April 20. Elevated to critical fire weather conditions are forecast for most of the Texas Panhandle and the northern portion of far west Texas today.

NWS Fire Weather Outlook Valid: 7AM 4/21 to 7AM 4/22.



Weather - Day 1 Fire Weather Outlook: Critical fire weather area for eastern New Mexico into the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles.

Synopsis

A large-scale trough will move ashore over the West Coast, while broad west-southwesterly flow overspreads the Rockies. This will encourage the development of a dryline over the eastern TX Panhandle southward into northwest TX. Farther north, stronger downslope flow will result in a deepening surface low over parts of WY, with a corresponding tight pressure gradient developing over the central High Plains.

Southwest into the southern High Plains

Widespread 10-15 percent minimum RH will develop across the Southwest into the southern High Plains, where breezy southwesterly surface winds are expected. From eastern NM into the OK/TX Panhandles, deep boundary-layer mixing into the enhanced flow aloft will favor 5-10 percent RH amid 20-25 mph sustained southwesterly surface winds behind the dryline. The combination of strong surface winds and warm/dry boundary-layer conditions atop highly receptive fuels will support a critical fire-weather threat.

On April 17, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for wildfires in Texas.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

On April 1, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Andrews, Aransas, Archer, Bee, Bell, Borden, Bosque, Brewster, Cameron, Coke, Concho, Cooke, Crane, Crockett, Culberson, Dawson, Dimmit, Duval, Ector, Edwards, Gaines, Garza, Hemphill, Hidalgo, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kimble, Kleberg, Live Oak, Martin, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Nueces, Palo Pinto, Parker, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Real, Refugio, Roberts, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Wichita, Willacy, Winkler, Wise, Zapata, and Zavala counties.

On March 27, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Medina County.

On March 21, Governor Abbott amended the Disaster Declaration, adding Blanco, Erath, Hood, Runnels, and Starr counties.

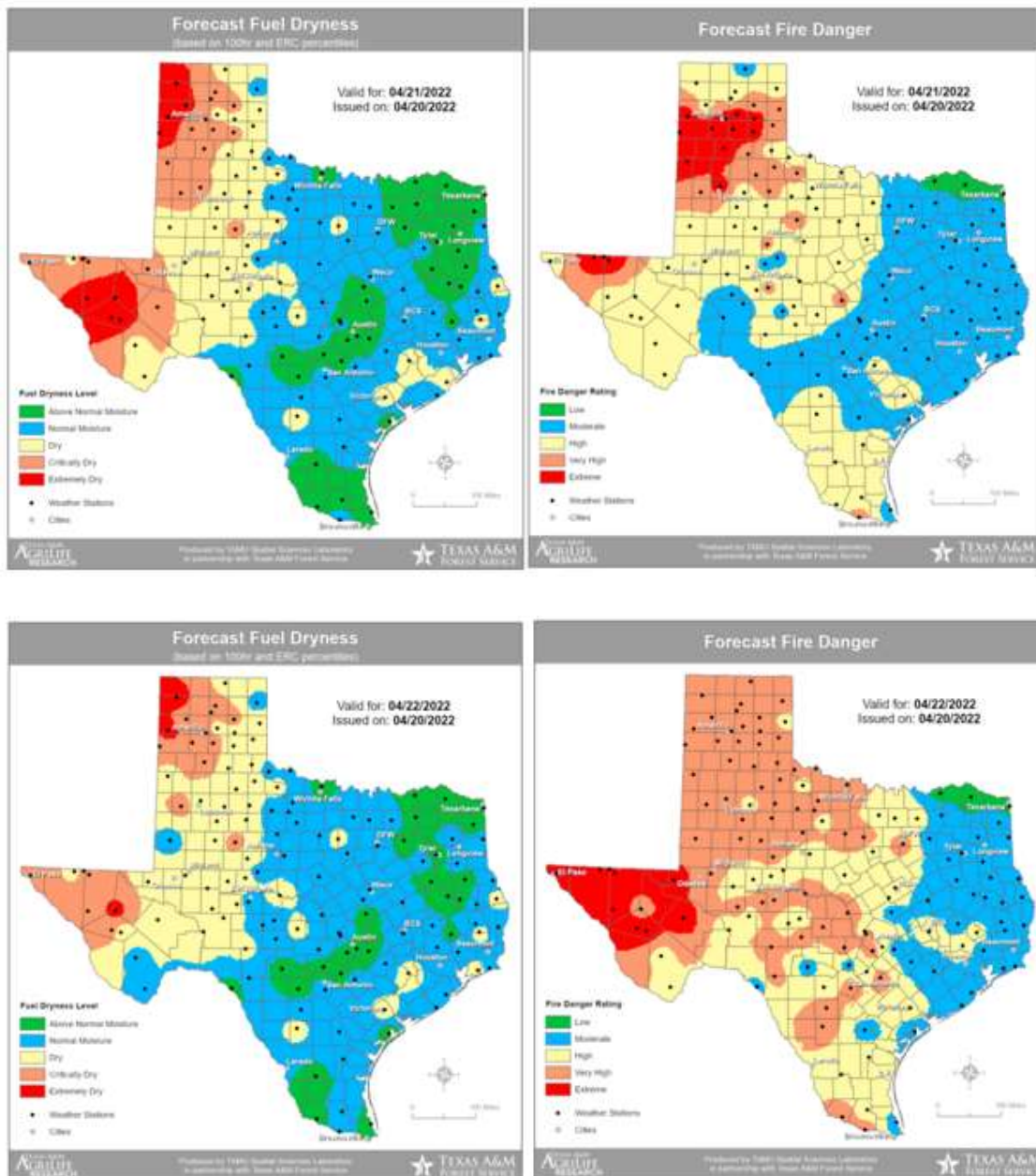
On March 18, Governor Abbott issued a Disaster Declaration due to an imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property in Brooks,

Brown, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Grayson, Mason, Potter, Randall, and Williamson Counties.

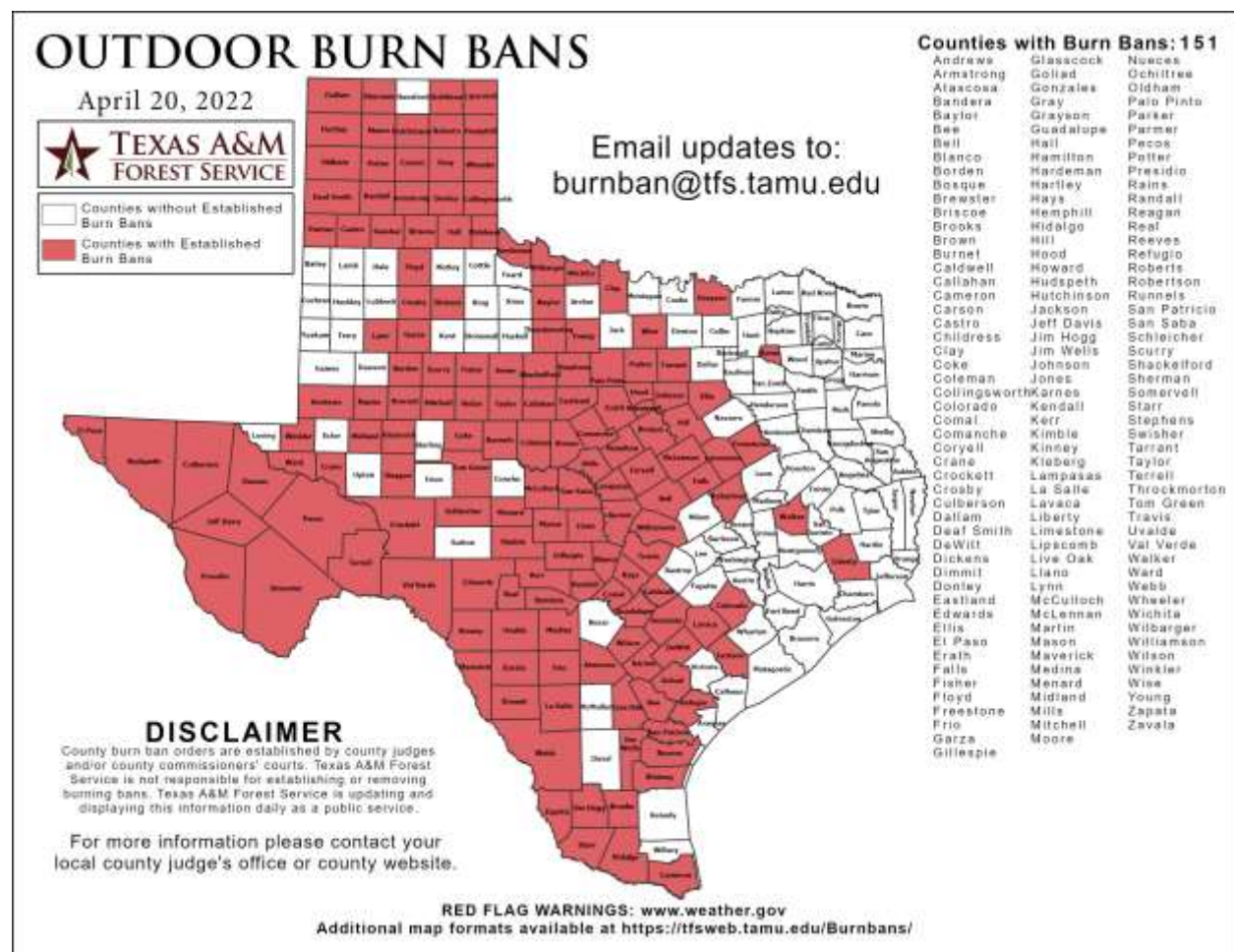
On March 16, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to activate additional state resources as escalated fire weather conditions continue to impact the state.

On March 15, Governor Abbott directed TDEM to mobilize state resources as Texas faces increased fire weather conditions.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS) – Predictive Services:



There are currently 151 Texas counties out of 254 with a Burn Ban in effect.



OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response and recovery operations.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)

DDC 1 – Amarillo (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties)

Potter County: [Horseshoe](#): 400 acres – 70% contained.

DDC 3 - Wichita Falls (Includes: Archer, Baylor, Clay, Foard, Hardeman, Jack, Montague, Young, Wilbarger and Wichita Counties)

Archer County: [Kickapoo West](#): 501 acres – 100% contained.

Foard County: [Easter Day](#): 228 acres – 100% contained.

DDC 7 – Abilene (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

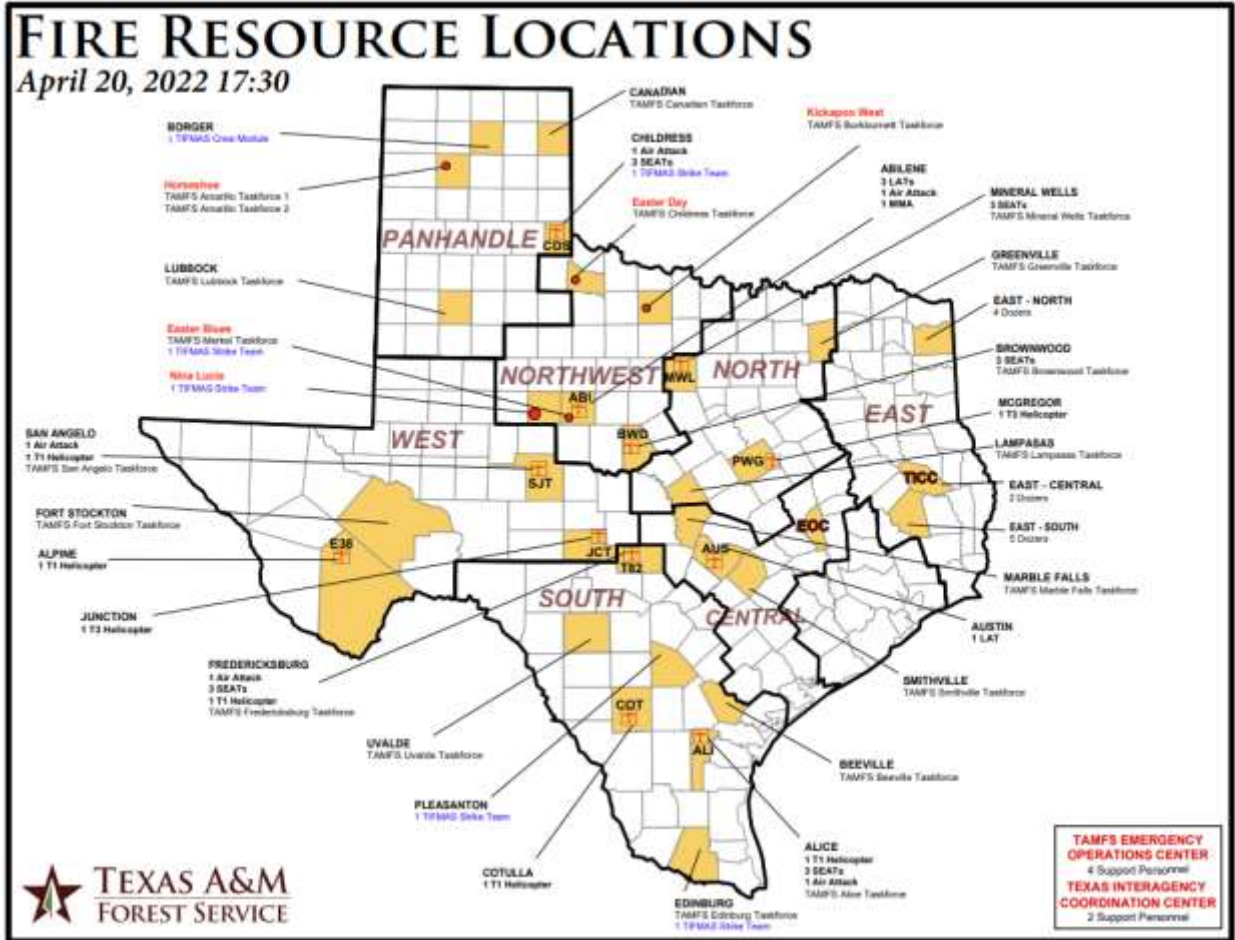
Nolan County: [Nina Lucia](#): 564 acres – 100% contained.

Taylor County: [Easter Blues](#): 414 acres – 80% contained.

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) – Regional staff have been deployed to impacted areas to assist local officials in damage assessment and identification of needs. The SOC continues to facilitate information sharing and the coordination of response and recovery operations.

Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS): [TAMFS received two new requests for assistance for wildfire suppression operations on Wednesday, April 20.](#) Incident Updates can be found here: <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/>.



Texas Military Department (TMD): TMD continues supporting TAMFS in suppressing wildland fires in Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD): TPWD is providing two firefighting brush trucks.

STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Large Air Tanker (LAT)		3	Available	Abilene
TAMFS	Air Attack (AA)		5	Available	Abilene, Alice, Childress, Fredericksburg, San Angelo

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TAMFS	Type I Helicopter		5	Available	Alice, Alpine, Cotulla, Fredericksburg, San Angelo
TAMFS	Single Engine Air Tanker (SEATs)		12	Available	Alice, Brownwood, Childress, Fredericksburg
TAMFS	Type 3 Helicopter		2	Available	McGregor, Junction
TAMFS	Dozer/Tractor Plow		23	Available	Various
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Strike Team (ST) 136	17	6	Available	Big Spring
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 142	17	6	Available	Edinburg
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 144	12	6	Available	Pleasanton
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 145	18	6	Available	Merkel
TIFMAS	TIFMAS ST 146	15	6	Available	Childress
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Adobe Wall Module 143	6	5	Available	Borger
TIFMAS	TIFMAS Coordinators	2		Available	College Station, Merkel
TIFMAS	Overhead	1	1	Available	Brownwood
TMD	Rotary Wing (Medium MRP)	16	2	Assigned	Austin

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 pandemic response with additional staffing for Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor these situations and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

Level I	(Emergency Conditions)
Level II	(Escalated Response Conditions)
Level III	(Increased Readiness Conditions)
Level IV	(Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:
<https://tdem-web.webflow.io/response/state-operations-center#tab-2>

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